

Director's Activities:

1. Working Goals:

- a. Children's Room redesign
- b. Revamp tech classes
- c. Review of Appraisal Process; HR training for town employees
- d. Visualization of Data/Statistics
- e. Style Guide
- f. New welcome brochure

2. Scheduled Happenings:

- a. 5/9: BOS Meeting: Appraisal process discussion
- b. 5/11: Town Web Site Redesign meeting
- c. 5/11: All Boards/Committees meeting re: Gateway District & communication
- c. 5/19: Staff Meeting
- d. 5/20: Seacoast Co-op – Customer Service Workshop for staff
- e. 6/7: Town Dept Head Meeting

Assistant Director:

Upcoming Events/Programs: Our busy Adult Programming season continues in May with some great programs coming up:

- **Local Author Night, Tuesday May 3, 6 pm**
- **(Not so) Elementary My Dear Watson: The Popularity of Sherlock Holmes, Thursday May 12, 6 pm**
- **A Talk & Book Signing with NHPR Host & Reporter Brady Carlson, author of *Dead Presidents: An American Adventure into the Strange Deaths and Surprising Afterlives of Our Nation's Leaders*, Thursday May 19, 6 pm**
- **Ongoing programs** – Writers Group, Knitting Class, Seekers book group

General notes on the state of the department. Patti has been revamping our ongoing in-house book sale, and she is doing a terrific job.

Children's Room News:

Upcoming Events/Programs:

- **Cooking for Kids: Rice and Beans** Thursday May 5 4-5PM
- **Book trekkers: All about Pirates** Tuesday May 10 4-5PM
- **Community Club** Wednesday May 18 4-5PM
- **Lego Club** Wednesday May 25 4-5PM

Lots of great programs took place in April. Drop in DIY had its highest attendance yet with 24 kids enjoying this fairytale themed program. Community Club celebrated earth day by planting outside on the patio. We held four programs during school vacation which were enjoyed by a total of 68 kids. **During vacation week we received several comments about how grateful patrons were to have these activities, and how welcoming our library felt.**

Preparation for summer reading continues. Sara is in the process of reaching out to local business seeking donations. We are excited to add an acting workshop by Hampstead Stage to our summer calendar this year, sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The Children's Area was on the cover of the **Stratham Magazine** for April 2016 with a great write up inside!

Teen Area News:

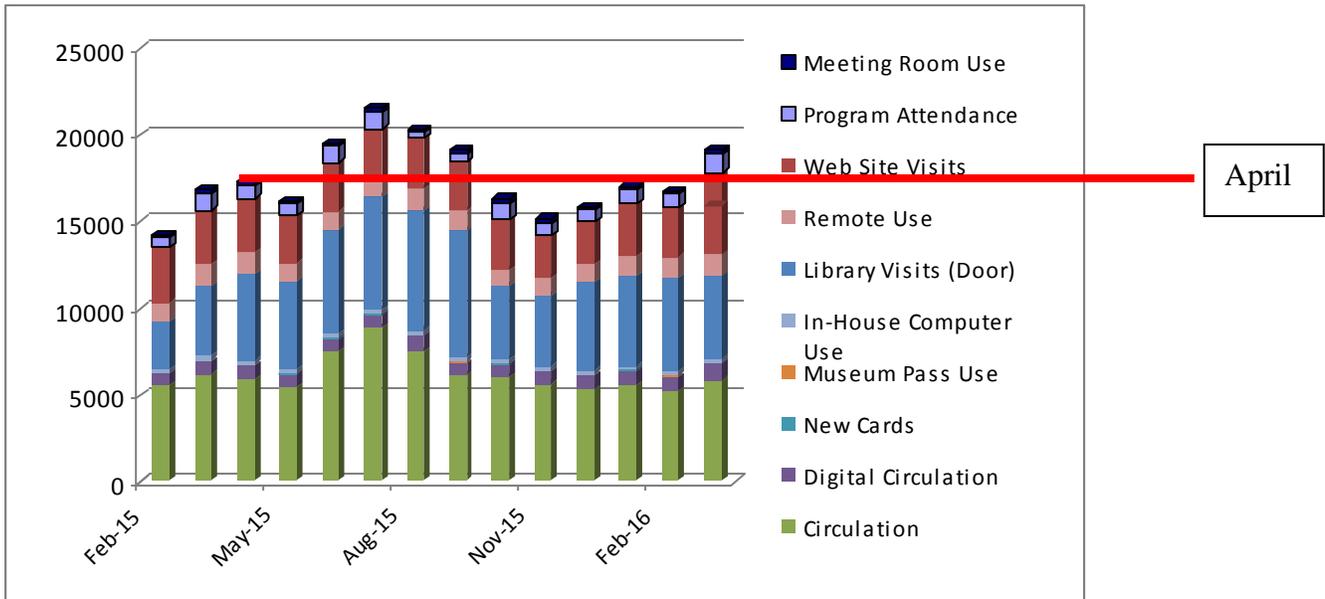
Upcoming Events/Programs:

- Wednesday, 5/4, 3pm: Acrylic Painting
This is always a popular program, although the volume of requests I get for it has not been reflected in recent participation. For example, I've had almost a dozen teens ask about painting, but only 7 of them participated yesterday (with 2 absent entirely). They have at last discovered the calendars I've been making for most of their lives, so hopefully the advance notice will help them plan for future paint days.
*We have a 2nd painting program on Wednesday 5/18, as we hope to have another art show this year. Last year's was a hit, and we raised money for the Teen Room through a silent auction of the teens' artwork. 50% goes to the artist, 50% goes to the Teen Room. **We have set the date for the art show at Wednesday, June 15th, from 6-8pm. You are all, of course, invited.** Actual invitations will be coming out soon.*
- Thursday, 5/5, 3pm: Mother's Day Gifts
During the aforementioned calendar discovery, there was a lot of excitement & relief over this program, so hopefully they will actually come & make things for their mothers. ☺
- Wednesday 5/11, 12:30pm: Early Release Day Movie Marathon
The teens will be here from about noon on, so we usually offer a movie marathon to keep them busy. Popcorn & soda, and the occasional pizza is offered.
- Thursday 5/12, 3pm: Doctor Who Club
We will be discussing the new companion choice, sharing some snacks, and watching an episode or two of their choosing. We have a 2nd meeting this month on the 26th.
- Tuesday 5/17, 3pm: Post-Testing Movie
The teens will be sitting through testing all day, so their brains will be mush when they get here. I will also offer them sports equipment for those that just need to move after a long day of sitting still.

The teens have been very well-behaved lately other than volume and a group of 13 & 14-year-old girls who can't stop smacking each other. I'm working on a consequence wherein the smacker owes the smackee a favor for each transgression, keeping track on the white board- it seems to be helping. Still, for spring, especially one that's been so gray and cold, they have kept it together very well. They're even being excellent about cleaning up after themselves! I know I'm probably jinxing myself by writing this out, but it has been very nice.

Statistical Notes: See next page

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YTD Statistics April 2016

What is Up?

Remote Use	9%
Digital Circulation	22%
Museum Pass Use	27%
Meeting Room Times Used (non-library)	99%
Total Program Attendance	9%
Children's Area Program Attendance	8%
Teen Area Program Attendance	42%

What is Even?

Traditional Checkouts	-4%
Traditional Circulation (Checkout+Renew)	0%
In-House Computer Use	-1%
New Card Registrations	-4%
Adult Program Attendance	-5%